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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE

REF: AMBASSADOR CAMPBELL/MOSKOWITZ TELECON MARCH 25

FOR AMBASSADOR CAMPBELL

1. YOU WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE AIRCRAFT RAMP BY THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL (AMB. MACHON DIAZ) OF HIS DEPUTY (MR. FERREIRO RUSCONI) AND BY ME AND MY WIFE AND CONDUCTED DIRECTLY TO THE VIP LOUNGE. YOU MAY EXPECT PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND JOURNALISTS ALONG THE WAY. THE COUNTRY TEAM AND THEIR WIVES WILL BE IN THE VIP LOUNGE TO MEET YOU AND MRS. CAMPBELL. YOU NEED NOT GO BEYOND WORDS OF GREETING AS THEY ARE PRESENTED TO YOU SINCE YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY LATER THAT EVENING AT MY RESIDENCE TO CONVERSE WITH THEM AT GREATER LENGTH. YOU WILL THEN DEPART IMMEDIATELY FOR YOUR RESIDENCE. MY WIFE AND I WILL BE PREPARED TO ACCOMPANY YOU AND MRS. CAMPBELL SHOULD YOU SO DESIRE. YOUR LUGGAGE WILL BE TRANSPORTED SEPARATELY FOLLOWING UNLOADING AND CLEARANCE THROUGH CUSTOMS BY OUR REPRESENTATIVE.

2. IT IS NOT CUSTOMARY HERE FOR NEW AMBASSADORS TO MAKE AN "ARRIVAL STATEMENT" FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. A USIS REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT TO HANDLE THE PRESS WHICH WILL NOT BE EXPECTING ANY SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENTS FROM YOU. SHOULD YOU BE QUESTIONED BY REPORTERS, I SUGGEST YOU LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO STATING THAT YOU ARE DELIGHTED TO BE IN EL SALVADOR, THAT YOU LOOK FORWARD TO ASSUMING YOUR
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POSITION AND THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT FURTHER

UNTIL YOU HAVE PRESENTED YOUR CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT MOLINA. YOU MIGHT ADD THAT YOU PLAN TO CALL ON THE EDITORS OF THE PRINCIPAL NEWSPAPERS IN THE WEEKS TO COME (WHICH IS A COMMON DIPLOMATIC CUSTOM HERE).

3. I AM PLEASED TO KNOW THAT YOU AND MRS. CAMPBELL WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN US FOR DRINKS WITH THE COUNTRY TEAM AROUND 8:00 PM ON THE EVENING OF YOUR ARRIVAL AND DINNER AFTERWARDS.

4. YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE REST OF THE MISSION STAFF DURING THE FIRST TWO WORKDAYS AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL. I PROPOSE THAT YOU SAY A FEW WORDS TO THE GATHERED US AND SALVADORAN STAFF OF THE MISSION IN THE LATER AFTERNOON OF APRIL 4 IN THE CHANCERY LOBBY. (MRS. CAMPBELL COULD ALSO BE PRESENT.) YOU MIGHT WISH TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO YOUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THIS REGION; YOUR VIEWS ON ASSUMING YOUR POSITION HERE; THE CHALLENGING TASKS FACING US IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S RECENT MEETING WITH THE REGIONAL FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO CITY; AND YOUR EXPECTATIONS AS TO SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE STAFF. A SENTENCE OR TWO IN SPANISH TO THE SALVADORAN STAFF WHO HAVE LONG AND LOYALLY SERVED THE MISSION WOULD BE IN ORDER.

5. THE DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL HAS INFORMED ME THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE YOU AND THE OTHER RECENTLY ARRIVED AMBASSADORS-DESIGNATE (CHILEAN; MEXICAN, ARGENTINE AND GERMAN WHO IS TO ARRIVE APRIL 2) FOR PRESENTATION OF COPIES OF CREDENTIALS ON APRIL 4. HE SAID THAT THEY ARE ALSO ENDEAVORING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRESIDENT MOLINA WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOU AND THE OTHER AMBASSADORS-DESIGNATE ON APRIL 5.
MOSKOWITZ

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